

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-3, and 5-8, 10-14, 16-32, and 42 are pending. The above amendment cancels claims 9, 15, and 33-42. Claims 1, 5, 11, and 42 are amended. No new matter is presented in the amendment.

Claims 1-3, and 5-25 are allowed.

Interview Summary

On July 9, 2007, a personal interview occurred between Applicant's representative and the Examiner. As indicated on the Examiner Interview Summary Form of record, the interview included a discussion of the differences between the air management system of the present invention of the present invention and the valve of WO '217.

The time and attention of the Examiner are greatly appreciated.

Issues Raised in the Outstanding Office Action

The outstanding Office Action raises three issues, discussed in turn, below:

(1) *Drawing Objections*

The drawings are objected to for alleging not showing the inflation device of claims 9 and 33. This objection is respectfully traversed, but the objection is rendered moot in view of the cancellation of claims 9 and 33-41.

Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

(2) *Specification Objection*

The specification is objected to for its alleged failure to provide proper antecedent basis for “the deflation device” of claims 9 and 33. This objection is respectfully traversed, but the objection is rendered moot in view of the cancellation of claims 9 and 33-41.

Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

(3) *Claim Objections*

The objection of claims 5 and 12 due to minor formalities is moot in view of the above amendment.

(4) *Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 103*

Claims 26-29, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious over WO 02/074217 in view of WO 99/15128. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, in view of the above amendment, this rejection is believed to be moot.

As discussed during the interview, there are significant differences between the cited prior art and the present invention. One difference that was discussed was the air-purification system of the present invention. The WO ‘217 disclosure discloses a bag device capable of transporting bodies and body parts. It comprises a pressure release valve.

On the other hand, the present claims disclose an air-purifying system in which the system filters the air as the air passes through the system outside the bag. Many advantages of

this system in terms of performance, interchangeability, etc., as opposed to the presence of adjacent chemisorptive media were discussed during the interview.

This deficiency of the WO '217 reference is not remedied by the secondary references.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 26-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious over WO 02/074217 in view of WO 99/15128, and further in view of Carroll, US Pat. App. Pub. No. 2001/0051481. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Deficiencies of the primary references are discussed above. These deficiencies are not remedied by the secondary references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious over WO 02/074217 in view of WO 99/15128 and Carroll '481, and further in view of Langley, US '697. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are respectfully requested.

Deficiencies of the primary references are discussed above. These deficiencies are not remedied by the secondary references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

(5) *Petition for Extension of Time*

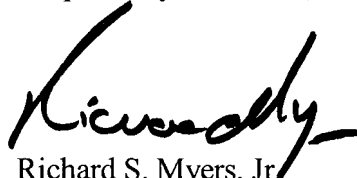
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action. The extension fee in the amount of \$525.00 is filed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this amendment to Deposit Account Number 50-2752.

From the foregoing, Applicant's respectfully submit that allowance of the application is proper, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Finally, please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Myers, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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